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In re Patent Application of

MAERTENS et al.

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated June 16, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response extending up to and including August 17, 2004, by submission of the Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee on June 17, 2004.